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Remarks/Arguments:

By this Amendment, Applicants have amended claims 36-39. Claims 4-8, 16-33, 36-39, 42 and 43 are pending.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's finding that claims 4-8, 16-33, 36-39, 42 and 43 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Claim Rejection Under Section 101

Claims 36-39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101. By this Amendment, Applicants respectfully traverse the Section 101 rejection.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the courtesies extended to Applicants' below named counsel by Examiner Opsasnick in a telephone conference with the Examiner during the week of November 28, 2005. As a result of that telephone conference, Applicants are amending claims 36-39 to overcome the Section 101 rejection. It is Applicants' position that all pending claims are in full compliance with Section 101.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 4-8, 16-33, 36-39, 42 and 43 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and

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allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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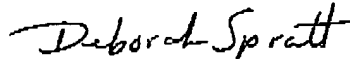
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